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Re:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/300,482

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Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated With

the Phosphogluconate Pathway

Inventors: Nordine CHEIKH et al.

Atty. Docket: 16517.216

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) are the following documents:

- 1. Appointment of Associate Attorney;
- 2. A copy of a Change of Correspondence Address Application (PTO/SB/122), as previously filed in the USPTO on March 20, 2001, together with a copy of the postcard, date-stamped by the USPTO mailroom;
- 3. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (in duplicate); and
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Respectfully submitted,

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